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FOR: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR DAMPING CONTROL OF OSCILLATING MODES
OF A CONTINUOUSLY VARIABLE TRANSMISSION PROVIDED WITH AN
ELECTRIC VARIATOR

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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SIR:

The "Statement of Reasons for Allowance" included on pages 2 and 3 of the Notice of Allowability dated March 25, 2010 characterizes the invention in terms of elements of an apparatus and does not mention any method steps. Therefore, the "Statement" mischaracterizes the invention in unduly narrow terms inconsistent with the actual claim language. Accordingly, the "Statement" is limited to claims 28, 30-34 and 36 which cover the apparatus and does not relate to method claims 18, 20-27 and 35.

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